MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 210.

*210. [*The questioners (Dr. Akhilesh Das and Shri Aimaduddin Ahmed Khan (Durru) were absent. For answer vide* pages 50-51 infra].

सशस्त्र बलों और आम नागरिकों के बीच अनुपात

*211. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**

श्री कपिल सिब्बल: ††

क्या **गृह मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सशस्त्र बलों के प्रत्येक विंग के हर जवान पर 863 नागरिकों की सुरक्षा का दायित्व है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या हैं,

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में सशस्त्र बलों के जवानों की संख्या और आम नागरिकों की संख्या के बीच का अनुपात भारत में विश्व के अन्य देशों की तुलना में अधिक है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई॰डी॰ स्वामी) (क) से (घ) एक विवरण सदन के पटल पर रखा जाता है।

विवरण

बाहरी आक्रमण से देश की सुरक्षा करने और प्रादेशिक अखंडता सुरक्षित रखने की जिम्मेवारी सशस्त्र बलों की है। सशस्त्र बलों के कार्मिकों की संख्या, देश की सुरक्षा आवश्यकताओं पर आधारित समग्र बल ढांचे के अनुसार नियंत्रित होती है और यह देश की सिविलियन जनसंख्या के आधार पर निर्धारित नहीं की जाती है। सशस्त्र बल कार्मिकों की संख्या ओर सिविलियन जनसंख्या का आपस में कोई संबंध नहीं हैं।

सरकार, अन्य देशों में सशस्त्र बलों के जवानों की संख्या और सिविलियनों के बीच के अनुपात के बारे में आंकड़े नहीं रखती है।

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††सभा में यह प्रश्न श्री कपिल सिब्बल द्वारा पूछा गया।

Ratio between armed forces and civilians

†*211. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:††

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every Jawan of each wing of armed forces has the responsibility of protecting 863 civilians;

(b) in not, facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ratio between the number of Jawans of armed forces and number of civilians is more in India as compared to that existing in other countries of the world; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Armed Forces have the responsibility of defending the country against external aggression and safeguarding its territorial integrity. The manpower strength of armed forces is governed by the overall force structure based on country's security needs and is not determined on the basis of the civilian population of the country. There is no correlation in terms of the Armed Forces personnel strength and civilian population.

Government does not maintain data regarding ratio between the number of jawans of armed forces and number of civilians obtaining in other countries.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we are all aware that as far as law and order is concerned, it is a State subject. When it comes to the security of the State and internal security, it is something to do by the Central Government, and therein lies the question, because the Home Minister himself has said that internal security situation in the country is such that it is a war-like situation. These are the words of Home Minister

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.
††The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Sibal.

himself. In this war-like situation, the answer to the question is that when the number of personnel in the armed forces is looked at, it is not in the context of the total civilian population. If the internal security situation is a war-like situation, then I do believe, Sir, that the criteria has to be as to how many people you have for the protection of the civilian population in this country.

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, for that matter, there is no direct co-relation with the population and the Armed Forces. But there is co-relation, so far as the safeguards on internal security or the security of the people are concerned. So far as the local police is concerned, the para-military forces or the security forces are meant to help the local police of the State. Yes, that relation is there. But you cannot determine as to how many persons would be there in the Armed Forces to protect the population of the country. There is no such co-relation.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: That is a wrong premise for the simple reason that there are two functions that the Defence Forces perform. The first is, taking care of external aggression, and the second is, internal security. The internal security is not a State subject. Since it is a war-like situation in India, there has to be criteria as to how many personnel you have to defend the civilian population of our country. The Government of India is not looking into it. In fact, the Home Minister has said to this extent that, "I am lucky that I am alive today, knowing the facts that I know about the situation." These are the words of Home Minister. In that context, we are not talking of law and order. There, of course, the CRPF and the police come in. But, we are talking about internal security. So, will the Government consider this aspect of the matter and evolve criteria because in the urban areas, in particular, we are facing a threat on a daily basis. So, evolve the criteria about ratio of population to the number of armed personnel.

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, the basic premise, with due reference to the Hon. Member, is not correct according to me because arming the Armed Forces is meant to stop external aggression. They are required to take care of our borders, and the Army's strength is always determined on the basis of the length of border, the terrain, the security scenario all over the world, and our diplomatic relations with the neighbouring countries. All these facts determine the requirement. The Armed Forces are only called in special circumstances, in special emergencies, for the aid of civilian

administration, in earthquakes, in floods, or in some other emergency. Armed Forces are not meant for the internal security purposes at all. So, there can be no correlation, direct or indirect, with the population.

*212. [*The questioners (Shrimati Bimba Raikar and Shri Nandi Yellaiah) were absent. For answer vide pages* 51-52 *infra.*]

*213. [*The questioner (Dr. C. Narayana Reddy) was absent. For answer vide pages* 52-53 *infra.*]

Foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in J&K

*214. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for promoting foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu and Kashmir to tide over the power crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present involving foreign investment in specific hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu and Kashmir. However, Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that two Hydro-electric projects in the State sector namely; Bageihar Stage-I (450 MW) and Sawalkote (600 MW) have been contracted for execution where foreign borrowings are involved.

SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal for promoting foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu & Kashmir, to tide over the power crisis in the State. When power projects in the States like Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar and Haryana are being funded, why not include Jammu & Kashmir, which is facing power crisis? Also, the State of Jammu & Kashmir is facing a crisis due to militancy. Hence, priority for Jammu & Kashmir should be given.

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते: सभापति जी, जो मूल प्रश्न है उसमें यह पूछा गया है कि जल विद्युत परियोजना में विदेशी निवेश को बढावा देने का कोई प्रस्ताव है? उत्तर में हमने यह स्पष्ट किया है कि आज इस प्रकार का कोई भी प्रस्ताव हाइड्रो पावर का जम्मू और कश्मीर के लिए नहीं है। इसका